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In re Application of SHUWEI YANG Serial No. 10/627,711 Filing Date: July 28, 2003 Attorney Docket No.: 51236US

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to applicant's "Petition to Make Special Under 37 CFR 1.102" filed February 3, 2004.

Applicant has already established the small entity status for the instant application. Applicant's statement for requesting special status has been considered. The requirements under 37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP 708.02, XII have been met. Accordingly, the petition is granted. Prosecution will proceed according to the procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02; there is no provision for "withdrawal from this special status.

Petition Granted.

Director, TC1600